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SUBJECT: TRAVEL TO LAOS AND ADVICE TO NON-OFFICIAL AMERICAN
COMMUNITY

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. REQUEST DEPARTMENT ISSUE CIRCULAR
TELEGRAM TO ALL DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR POSTS INSTRUCTING
THAT U.S. CITIZENS BE ADVISED NOT RPT NOT TO TRAVEL TO LAOS
GIVEN PRESENT CONDITIONS; THAT UNOFFICIAL TRAVEL TO LAOS
BY U.S. GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES AND THEIR DEPENDENTS IS NOT
RPT NOT AUTHORIZED; AND THAT OFFICIAL TRAVEL MUST BE
CLEARED BY THE MISSION IN ADVANCE ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS.
END UNCLASSIFIED.

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2. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. FYI, WE ARE RECOMMEND-
ING TO THOSE MEMBERS OF THE RELATIVELY SMALL NON-OFFICIAL
AMERICAN COMMUNITY WITH WHOM WE COME IN CONTACT THAT THEY
DEPART SOONEST (EXCEPT FOR A FEW KEY INDIVIDUALS, AND IN
THOSE CASES WE ARE RECOMMENDING THAT DEPENDENTS BE SENT
OUT, AS MISSION IS DOING). A NUMBER OF PERSONS -- E.G.,
MOST OR ALL OF THOSE AFFILIATED WITH CHRISTIAN AND
MISSIONARY ALLIANCE -- HAVE ALREADY ANTICIPATED THIS
ADVICE, AND OTHERS HAVE FREQUENTED CONSULAR SECTION IN
CONNECTION WITH DEPARTURE ARRANGEMENTS.

3. WE HAVE NOT ATTEMPTED TO CONTACT THE "WORLD TRAVELER"
COMMUNITY; THIS WOULD BE A TIME-CONSUMING PROCESS IN
ANY EVENT, SINCE NONE HAVE TELEPHONES AND MOST DO NOT
SEEK CONTACT WITH THE EMBASSY EXCEPT WHEN IN TROUBLE.
OUR GENERAL IMPRESSION, HOWEVER, IS THAT SOME WORLD
TRAVELERS HAVE ALREADY REALIZED THAT THE NEW ORDER HERE
WILL NOT BE SO TOLERANT AS THE OLD AND HAVE ACCORDINGLY
MOVED ON AT THEIR OWN INITIATIVE.
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